

**Figure 2.2.6. (a) Geographic distribution**  
**Geographic distribution of international meetings: 1997-2001, tables**

The tables give the number of international meetings held each year in the major countries of each continent during the last five-year period 1997-2001. Country totals are expressed as a percentage of the continent total; continent totals are expressed as a percentage of the world. Meetings taken into consideration include (a) those organized and/or sponsored by international organizations, and (b) some national meetings with international participation (provided they have a minimum of 300 participants, at least 40% foreign, at least 5 nationalities, and of at least 3 days duration). Excluded are meetings taking the form of religious gatherings, courses, party conferences, fairs, sales meetings, as well as closed administrative and expert meetings.

	1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
<b>AFRICA</b>										
South Africa	110	22.0%	108	24.4%	115	26.4%	96	25.3%	95	24.1%
Egypt	46	9.2%	52	11.8%	39	8.9%	35	9.2%	49	12.4%
Morocco	27	5.4%	21	4.8%	33	7.6%	26	6.8%	34	8.6%
Kenya	27	5.4%	37	8.4%	23	5.3%	23	6.1%	23	5.8%
Senegal	16	3.2%	27	6.1%	19	4.4%	17	4.5%	15	3.8%
Cameroon	11	2.2%	8	1.8%	8	1.8%	7	1.8%	15	3.8%
Tanzania UR	10	2.0%	10	2.3%	9	2.1%	6	1.6%	14	3.6%
Tunisia	19	3.8%	23	5.2%	19	4.4%	24	6.3%	13	3.3%
Nigeria	6	1.2%	6	1.4%	6	1.4%	15	3.9%	13	3.3%
Ghana	14	2.8%	10	2.3%	18	4.1%	9	2.4%	12	3.0%
Côte d'Ivoire	11	2.2%	22	5.0%	14	3.2%	11	2.9%	12	3.0%
Algeria	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11	2.8%
Uganda	16	3.2%	9	2.0%	13	3.0%	3	0.8%	10	2.5%
Burkina Faso	8	1.6%	5	1.1%	15	3.4%	10	2.6%	8	2.0%
Benin	13	2.6%	4	0.9%	9	2.1%	7	1.8%	7	1.8%
Botswana	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	1.8%
Zambia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	1.8%
Other	167	33.3%	100	22.6%	96	22.0%	91	23.9%	49	12.4%
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>AMERICA</b>										
USA	1054	56.9%	1198	60.7%	1202	60.4%	1303	62.0%	1195	61.0%
Canada	227	12.3%	230	11.7%	240	12.1%	242	11.5%	208	10.6%
Brazil	91	4.9%	91	4.6%	91	4.6%	113	5.4%	94	4.8%
Argentina	67	3.6%	61	3.1%	80	4.0%	110	5.2%	79	4.0%
Mexico	74	4.0%	77	3.9%	78	3.9%	75	3.6%	75	3.8%
Cuba	42	2.3%	42	2.1%	41	2.1%	38	1.8%	44	2.2%
Chile	31	1.7%	37	1.9%	38	1.9%	30	1.4%	32	1.6%
Colombia	29	1.6%	19	1.0%	19	1.0%	10	0.5%	18	0.9%
Uruguay	11	0.6%	15	0.8%	10	0.5%	12	0.6%	16	0.8%
Ecuador	12	0.6%	17	0.9%	9	0.5%	11	0.5%	15	0.8%
Peru	24	1.3%	19	1.0%	18	0.9%	13	0.6%	14	0.7%
Puerto Rico	15	0.8%	13	0.7%	17	0.9%	5	0.2%	14	0.7%
Venezuela	23	1.2%	30	1.5%	17	0.9%	13	0.6%	14	0.7%
Panama	10	0.5%	9	0.5%	15	0.8%	27	1.3%	14	0.7%
Costa Rica	26	1.4%	17	0.9%	13	0.7%	11	0.5%	14	0.7%
Guatemala	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	0.7%
Trinidad-Tobago	11	0.6%	11	0.6%	13	0.7%	11	0.5%	11	0.6%
Bolivia	9	0.5%	10	0.5%	5	0.3%	6	0.3%	11	0.6%

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Dominican Rep	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11	0.6%
El Salvador	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	0.5%
Jamaica	6	0.3%	17	0.9%	14	0.7%	14	0.7%	7	0.4%
Other	91	4.9%	61	3.1%	70	3.5%	59	2.8%	48	2.5%
<b>Total America</b>	<b>1853</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>21.1%</b>
<b>ASIA</b>										
Japan	250	19.3%	238	18.7%	220	17.5%	227	18.4%	215	18.1%
China (+ Hong Kong & Macao)	162	12.5%	177	13.9%	158	12.6%	164	13.3%	159	13.4%
Korea Rep (South)	95	7.3%	58	4.6%	97	7.7%	109	8.8%	134	11.3%
Singapore	138	10.7%	131	10.3%	140	11.1%	124	10.0%	120	10.1%
India	106	8.2%	122	9.6%	107	8.5%	91	7.4%	85	7.2%
Thailand	80	6.2%	60	4.7%	91	7.2%	94	7.6%	81	6.8%
Malaysia	67	5.2%	68	5.3%	60	4.8%	44	3.6%	55	4.6%
Israel	81	6.3%	97	7.6%	86	6.8%	109	8.8%	41	3.5%
Taiwan-China	24	1.9%	39	3.1%	26	2.1%	27	2.2%	35	3.0%
Indonesia	38	2.9%	34	2.7%	25	2.0%	25	2.0%	32	2.7%
Philippines	54	4.2%	64	5.0%	41	3.3%	33	2.7%	31	2.6%
Vietnam	17	1.3%	15	1.2%	11	0.9%	6	0.5%	26	2.2%
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25	2.1%
United Arab Emirates	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	18	1.5%
Saudi Arabia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13	1.1%
Jordan	12	0.9%	11	0.9%	12	1.0%	18	1.5%	12	1.0%
Syrian AR	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	1.0%
Nepal	13	1.0%	11	0.9%	14	1.1%	12	1.0%	10	0.8%
Sri Lanka	6	0.5%	13	1.0%	10	0.8%	15	1.2%	9	0.8%
Pakistan	14	1.1%	10	0.8%	9	0.7%	5	0.4%	8	0.7%
Bahrain	10	0.8%	12	0.9%	11	0.9%	16	1.3%	6	0.5%
Other	127	9.8%	114	8.9%	138	11.0%	115	9.3%	58	4.9%
<b>Total Asia</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>1256</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>AUSTRALASIA / OCEANIA</b>										
Australia	292	83.9%	337	83.6%	310	86.4%	361	86.8%	308	80.4%
New Zealand	23	6.6%	32	7.9%	26	7.2%	33	7.9%	55	14.4%
Fiji	9	2.6%	14	3.5%	7	1.9%	8	1.9%	3	0.8%
Other	24	6.9%	20	5.0%	16	4.5%	14	3.4%	17	4.4%
<b>Total Australasia / Oceania</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>EUROPE</b>										
UK	595	11.4%	644	11.9%	608	11.4%	613	11.6%	615	11.5%
France	647	12.4%	654	12.1%	633	11.8%	632	11.9%	600	11.2%
Germany	519	10.0%	558	10.3%	602	11.3%	591	11.2%	544	10.2%
Italy	379	7.3%	380	7.0%	384	7.2%	430	8.1%	414	7.8%
Spain	300	5.8%	306	5.7%	306	5.7%	331	6.2%	340	6.4%
Belgium	295	5.7%	307	5.7%	294	5.5%	312	5.9%	317	5.9%
Netherlands	341	6.6%	342	6.3%	366	6.9%	348	6.6%	293	5.5%
Switzerland	260	5.0%	223	4.1%	213	4.0%	244	4.6%	240	4.5%

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Austria	260	5.0%	293	5.4%	246	4.6%	230	4.3%	231	4.3%
Sweden	158	3.0%	187	3.5%	150	2.8%	139	2.6%	194	3.6%
Finland	174	3.3%	171	3.2%	185	3.5%	150	2.8%	184	3.4%
Denmark	146	2.8%	148	2.7%	153	2.9%	146	2.8%	152	2.8%
Portugal	101	1.9%	167	3.1%	109	2.0%	118	2.2%	116	2.2%
Norway	114	2.2%	117	2.2%	131	2.5%	137	2.6%	110	2.1%
Greece	109	2.1%	103	1.9%	119	2.2%	87	1.6%	110	2.1%
Poland	90	1.7%	89	1.6%	96	1.8%	92	1.7%	105	2.0%
Hungary	103	2.0%	88	1.6%	116	2.2%	114	2.2%	99	1.9%
Russia	84	1.6%	96	1.8%	95	1.8%	93	1.8%	90	1.7%
Czech Rep	90	1.7%	90	1.7%	87	1.6%	87	1.6%	78	1.5%
Turkey	62	1.2%	61	1.1%	51	1.0%	63	1.2%	75	1.4%
Ireland	58	1.1%	55	1.0%	53	1.0%	60	1.1%	64	1.2%
Croatia	0	0.0%	26	0.5%	36	0.7%	36	0.7%	47	0.9%
Slovenia	31	0.6%	31	0.6%	39	0.7%	46	0.9%	39	0.7%
Bulgaria	25	0.5%	18	0.3%	26	0.5%	15	0.3%	30	0.6%
Romania	26	0.5%	29	0.5%	33	0.6%	14	0.3%	28	0.5%
Monaco	18	0.3%	23	0.4%	18	0.3%	26	0.5%	23	0.4%
Luxembourg	39	0.8%	30	0.6%	20	0.4%	15	0.3%	22	0.4%
Ukraine	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	22	0.4%
Slovakia	26	0.5%	29	0.5%	25	0.5%	17	0.3%	19	0.4%
Cyprus	12	0.2%	12	0.2%	20	0.4%	9	0.2%	19	0.4%
Lithuania	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	18	0.3%
Iceland	25	0.5%	13	0.2%	11	0.2%	24	0.5%	12	0.2%
Estonia	19	0.4%	20	0.4%	10	0.2%	5	0.1%	11	0.2%
Malta	27	0.5%	23	0.4%	18	0.3%	20	0.4%	8	0.1%
Other	65	1.3%	67	1.2%	90	1.7%	56	1.1%	70	1.3%
<b>Total Europe</b>	<b>5198</b>	<b>56.5%</b>	<b>5400</b>	<b>56.9%</b>	<b>5343</b>	<b>56.9%</b>	<b>5300</b>	<b>56.2%</b>	<b>5339</b>	<b>57.7%</b>
Total Africa	501	5.4%	442	4.7%	436	4.6%	380	4.0%	394	4.3%
Total America	1853	20.2%	1974	20.8%	1990	21.2%	2103	22.3%	1958	21.1%
Total Asia	1294	14.1%	1274	13.4%	1256	13.4%	1234	13.1%	1185	12.8%
Total Pacific	348	3.8%	403	4.2%	359	3.8%	416	4.4%	383	4.1%
Total Europe	5198	56.5%	5400	56.9%	5343	56.9%	5300	56.2%	5339	57.7%
<b>Total world</b>	<b>9194</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9493</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9384</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9433</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9259</b>	<b>1.00</b>